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LOK SABHA

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AWARDS TO WOMEN LEGISLATORS AND AANGANWADI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Awards being given to Women and children for excellent work in social development;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to give awards to the women legislators and Aanganwadi workers for the excellence in the field of social work; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) The details of awards being given to women, children and organizations for excellent work in social development are as under:

(i) Stree Shakti Puraskars consisting of five National Awards to honour and recognize the achievements of individual women in the field of social development.

(ii) Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh Award for Women's Development, presented to an organization which has made outstanding and/or innovative contribution to women's welfare and empowerment and has at least 5 years' of working experience in the field.

(iii) Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award for Service to Children, to honour an individual who makes outstanding contribution towards service for children with various kinds of disabilities.

(iv) National Child Awards for Exceptional Achievement, to give recognition to children with exceptional abilities and who have achieved outstanding status in the field such as academics, culture, arts, sports, music etc.

(v) National Awards for Child Welfare for Institutions and Individuals for outstanding performance in the field of child development and welfare.

(vi) National Award for Bravery, Gallantry and Meritorious Services for Children under 16 years of age.

(b)&(c) Yes, Sir. In order to motivate the Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and give recognition to voluntary work, the Government had decided to give Annual Awards to outstanding Anganwadi Workers from 2000 onwards on the basis of their dedication and exemplary performance. Under the scheme, the awards will be provided at two levels, at State/UT level and at the National level. State

Governments will nominate the Anganwadi workers for National Awards. State level awards are to the tune of Rs.2,500/- each and a citation. There will be 1275 State Awards for AWWs. National Awards to the tune of Rs.25,000/- each and a citation will be given to 20 selected AWWs as National Awards.
The Department has not formulated any scheme to give awards to the women legislators.